में मार्च, 1980 (छठी पंचवर्षीय योजना के प्रारंभ में) प्राय: बेरोजगार व्यक्तियों की संख्या 120 लाख थी तथा यह अनुमान लगाया गया है कि मार्च, 1990 में यह संख्या लगभग 131 लाख थी 1980 से पहले की तुलनात्मक सूचना उपलब्ध नहीं है ।

(घ) छठी पंचवर्षीय योजना 1980–1985 के दौरान 356 लाख मानव व्यक्ति वर्ष का रोजगार सृजित किया गया था तथा सातवीं योजना (1985 1990) के दौरान 403.6 लाख मानव व्यक्ति वर्ष का रोजगार सृजित किए जाने की आशा थी ।

Selling of nuclear technology in world market

819. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIR-LA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to sell its nuclear technology in the world market; and

(b) if so, what are the world markets that have been explored/proposed to be explored for the purpose and what are the possibilities of selling nuclear techno logy in these markets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) Government is proposing to sell equipment radioisotopes and services for the peaceful applications of nuclear energy.

(b) In recent months, a few countries have shown preliminary interest in our assistance in the development of their nuclear technologies. Besides, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has envinced interest in various nuclear instruments and equipment developed in **India.**

Shortage and import of newsprint

820. SHR! KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the continuous shortage of Newsprint and closure of a large number of medium and small newspapers in the country;

(b) whether Government have recently raised the prices of standard newsprint and glazed newsprint; if so, the percentage by which the prices have been raised stating the reasons therefor;

(c) what was the total quantity of newsprint expected to be imported for 1990; what is the actual quantity for which contract has been signed and the quantity that has been received so far,

(d) what are the reasons for not entering into the contract for the remaining quantity of newsprint to be imported during 1990; and

(e) the manner in which Government propose to bridge the gap between demand and supply?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) There is shortage of newsprint in the country but no newspaper has reported its closure to RNI for want of newsprint.

(b) The details are given in the *state ment.* Price of imported newsprint are determined by international factors.

(c) The quantity expected to be impor-ted for 1990-91 was 2.70 lakh MTs. The State Trading Corporation has contracted 2.28 lakh MTs. so far.

(d) Shortage of foreign, exchange under GCA funds and non-availabilitv of newsprint from several RPA countries

(e) Government are taking all possible steps to meet the demand of the newspapers as per Newsprint Allocation Policy 1990-91.